

ACTION ON PEACE TERMS VERY SLOW AT MADRID

Spanish Cabinet in Conference on the American Ultimatum.

Gen. Miles Calls for More Flags to Put in Porto Rico-- Manila News--Fifth Regiment May Move.

THE ARMY IN PORTO RICO

News from Gen. Miles--It is a Con- tinual March of Triumph.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, July 30, Via St. Thomas, D. W. L., August 1.—General Miles hourly expects the arrival of transports with Schwan's division of six hundred men and the Mohawk with the Fifth regular cavalry. Henry's divisions of 3,400 men including 26 pieces of artillery, have been ordered to march immediately from Yauco to Ponce and be ready to join the regiments north of San Juan. The 16th Pennsylvania was sent this morning towards Juana Diaz, eight miles north of Ponce, enroute to San Juan. Word reached here this afternoon that the Spaniards were murdering native Porto Ricans, violating women and indulging in general outrages. The first real resistance is expected when our troops reach Aibonito, 35 miles northeast of here on the railroad from Ponce to Yauco, now in possession of our troops. Gen. Stone found five mines on the track. These were destroyed. Proclamations were issued by the authorities of Yauco, as a United States city, expressing delight of annexation and the administration of Miles, and welcoming our troops. The mayor of Ponce called upon all residents of that place to exercise calmness and circumspection under the now desirable conditions. There was much enthusiasm everywhere manifested at the sight of the stars and stripes. Miles issued instructions to Gen. Wilson, who will be military governor of Ponce province and the city until Gen. Brooke's arrival. It is of the same tenor as the instructions Miles gave Shafter at Santiago. Both orders are based on administration instructions given Merritt regarding the government of the Philippines. Chaplain Chadwick of the Cincinnati introduced Gen. Wilson to two leading Jesuits of Ponce, representing a thousand centuries and their dependents in this province. The priests wanted information regarding their support. Wilson said under the constitution of the United States it was not possible to apply government money for church purposes. Spanish volunteers continue coming in and giving themselves up. The health of troops so far is good, though the weather is hot.

THE FIFTH ILLINOIS.

CHICKAMAUGA, Ga., Aug. 1.—Col. Culver has communicated with the war department as to the treatment of the Fifth Illinois. It is expected that the Fifth will soon be sent. Gen. Wade and staff have been called to Washington for a conference. It is intimated that Wade is to lead 15 regiments to Porto Rico. The Fifth will probably be in the list.

PEACE ANSWER AT MADRID.

MADRID, August 1.—The Government has received a telegram from Paris saying that the reply of the United States to the Spanish note on the subject of peace, will be forwarded to Madrid immediately. The French, German and Austrian Ambassadors had a conference with the Spanish minister of foreign affairs yesterday.

SPANIARDS AT MANILA HOPELESS.

MADRID, Aug. 1.—An official telegram from General Augusti says he has refused new demands made for the surrender of Manila and will resist to the utmost. He hints, however, that he will be unable to hold out much longer. The garrison is much reduced by loss and fatigue, and ammunition is scarce. He has no ammunition for the mountain pieces.

MADRID, Aug. 1.—Gen. Augusti reports from Manila that unless promptly relieved he will be forced to surrender.

MADRID, Aug. 1.—The Governor General of Manila, telegraphing under date of July 25, says aid is indispensable to resist the imminent attack of the American forces under Gen. Merritt.

The foreign warships in the bay, the dispatch says, answered the salute in honor of the Queen's saint day, and the American vessels displayed the American flag.

MILES' EASY CONQUESTS CALLS FOR MORE FLAGS

WASHINGTON, August 1.—Gen. Miles, in command of the Porto Rican expedition, sent the following dispatch to Secretary Alger, which was made public at the War Department at 10 o'clock Sunday night:

"Ponce, Porto Rico, July 31, 1898, 3:35 p. m.—Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.: Four telegrams received and answered by letter.

"Volunteers are surrendering themselves, with arms and ammunition. Four-fifths of the people are overjoyed at the arrival of the army. Two thousand from one place have volunteered to serve with it. They are bringing in beef, cattle and other needed supplies. The custom house has already yielded \$14,000.

"As soon as all the troops are disembarked they will be in readiness to move.

"Please send all national colors that can be spared, to be given to the different municipalities.

"I request that the question of the tariff rates to be charged in the ports of Porto Rico occupied by our forces be submitted to the President for his action, the previously existing tariff remaining meanwhile in force.

"As to the government and military occupation, I have already given instructions based upon the instructions issued by the President in the case of the Philippine Islands, and similar to those issued at Santiago De Cuba. MILES, Maj. Gen. Commanding."

SPANISH DESERT SICK

Leave 536 in a Hospital, Requesting Sampson's Care.

KEY WEST, FLA., August 1.—Reports here that Nuevitas, a province of Puerto Principe, has been bombarded by the ships of the blockading squadron, evacuated by the Spanish and subsequently burned. No details are known. The Badger captured three Spanish vessels coming out of Nuevitas harbor and took them to Dry Tortugas. The Nashville reached Gibara Tuesday, when she captured the schooner Gibara Express, General Luque and his 1800 Spanish troops, fearing a concerted attack by the Americans and the Cubans, had evacuated the place two days before. They fled to Holguin. Luque left in the Gibara hospital 536 sick and wounded Spanish soldiers, with the request to Sampson to see that they were properly cared for. The next day 709 Cuban forces under Rojas made a triumphant entry into the town. The steamship Tabasco was captured by the Hawk at Sagua la Grande yesterday and brought here today. She was loaded to the hatches with coal and provisions.

QUEEN REGENT'S URGENT APPEAL.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—A statement is current that the Queen Regent of Spain has written a touching letter to President McKinley, in which she eloquently recites the grief she feels over the unfortunate differences that have arisen between the United States and Spain. She pictures in moving words the sorrow that the war has brought to her people, and pleads for a cessation of the war. She prays that the President will be moved to deal justly with her

people, and not impose harsh or humiliating terms upon them. In conclusion, she prays for speedy peace, and, it is said, trusts that the President will not forget that she is a mother as well as Queen.

THE YALE HOME FROM PORTO RICO.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—The Cruiser Yale, arrived from Guiney Porto Rico, after landing there with Gen. Miles and staff and 1,500 troops.

HAWAII AND JAPAN.

YOKOHAMA, August 1.—It is reported that Hawaii has agreed to pay Japan \$10,000, in settlement of the dispute about the exclusion of the Japanese emigrants from the Hawaiian Islands.

HUNGRY FOR AMERICAN CASH.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Aug. 1, (delayed in transmission).—A feature of the situation here is the constant stream of native residents who are presenting claims to the authorities against the United States government for losses sustained at the hands of Cuban troops, damage to property, robbery and plunder during the last three years. These claims are promptly returned with an expression of regret.

THE CHEROKEE AT PORTO RICO.

WASHINGTON, August 1.—The War Department has received the following: Ponce, Porto Rico, July 30.—The Transport Cherokee with Gen. Lehman and part of his brigade arrived this afternoon. Remainder expected soon. (Signed) MILES.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEACE ANSWER.

WASHINGTON, August 1.—The President has announced that America's answer to Spain will not be made public today, but he did not indicate whether it would be withheld until the Spanish reply is in.

PLAN OF COMMISSIONERS.

MADRID, August 1.—The Liberal says the Spanish American peace commissioners will meet in London, and that the points for discussion will be the disposition of the Philippines, the payment of the Cuban debt, the evacuation of Cuba and Porto Rico, and the ownership of the war material in the Antilles.

PEACE PREDICTED BY AUGUST 15.

PARIS, August 1.—The Temps Madrid special says: Cabinet met this afternoon to draw up Spain's reply to the United States' terms of peace. It is believed that Spain will accept the terms immediately after official assent is given, and that hostilities will cease in the Antilles. It is generally believed that peace will be an accomplished fact before August 15.

NEWS TO COME SPEEDILY.

WASHINGTON, August 1.—Gen. Grooly, chief Signal officer announces that cable instruments at Ponce, Porto Rico, destroyed by the Spaniards, have been replaced by others brought from Kingston, Jamaica, and that the government is now in direct cable communication with Gen. Miles. Heretofore it has been necessary to send by dispatch boat to St. Thomas, involving a delay of from twelve to 20 hours.

CUBAN SPIRIT

It is Displayed at Manila by the In- surgents—Critical Situation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Gen. Merritt has cabled the war department that he finds the situation in Manila very unsatisfactory and dangerous, owing to the attitude of the insurgents, which is similar to that assumed by Gen. Garcia's Cubans on the question of their rights to take possession of the city, though they are more formidable, being more numerous and better armed, and flushed with victories over the Spaniards. Gen. Merritt says he will do his utmost to protect citizens from insurgent savagery, though the task is delicate and difficult, because while fighting the Spaniards they must be ready at any moment to repel the insurgents. Gen. Merritt said that he was about to combine with Admiral Dewey in a demand for the surrender of the city, which may cause a rupture with the insurgents.

This cable left Manila on Thursday, and this movement may have already taken place, though there is some doubt of this. Merritt says he may need all of his force before attack. If he is to wait till all men billed for him from this country arrive, the attack on Manila will not take place before the first of September. May be, however, the arrangement as to Philippines in the peace negotiations will obviate the necessity of an attack on it.

Alger and Long went into conference with the president on the situation at Manila as revealed in Merritt's dispatch. It is significant, as admitted by Alger, but he declines to state the exact nature of the advices.



CLEVENGER WILL HANG

On the Evidence of Josie Watson if
Tillford Dies, as He Prob-
ably Will.

If Ray Tillford dies, as he probably will, the evidence of Josie Watson will undoubtedly hang Louis Clevenger, if she tells the same story on the witness stand that she did to the officers this morning.

Marshal Mason and Sheriff Nicholson returned home this afternoon from the Myers residence, where they went to secure the revolver. They asked Josie Watson for the gun and she produced it. After Clevenger was arrested he begged that he be allowed to see the woman and the permission was given. He left the gun with her and the woman took it to Clevenger's tent and laid it under the blankets on the bed. The woman took Marshal Mason to the place and showed him where she had put the revolver and the officers took charge of it.

The story told by Mrs. Watson corroborates Tillford's story exactly, excepting as to the number of shots fired. She insists that there were only two shots, while Tillford said that there were five. When Tillford told of the matter again today he said that there might have been only two or three. The woman is probably correct as to the number of shots fired as Clevenger himself says that he only discharged the pistol twice.

HAD MADE THREATS.
The Watson woman says that Clevenger had threatened to kill Tillford if he ever caught him with her. Joseph Myers, the father of the woman, did not like the idea of having either of the men come to the house to see his daughter. Clevenger kept after the woman so that she was afraid of him and her purpose of seeing Tillford was to make some arrangements for taking her away from the place and escaping Clevenger. In view of the fact that the father objected to the men coming to the house the woman arranged with Tillford to meet her on an old road leading to the bottom lands. These arrangements were made near the house and while Tillford and the woman were talking Clevenger drove up in his buggy. Tillford walked toward the meeting place and the woman went around another way. Clevenger started to unblock his horse and neither Tillford or the woman thought that he had seen them. Clevenger, however, had seen the woman slipping away and suspecting something followed her. When Tillford and Mrs. Watson were seated on a log and had started to discuss their plans Clevenger appeared standing on another log some distance

away. Tillford started to run but Clevenger had the best of him. Tillford could not run straight down the road as it led to the river and there was no means of escape, so he ran through some high weeds. Clevenger shot at him once but missed. When he got close behind Tillford he fired again and Tillford fell. Mrs. Watson says that she could see Clevenger go up and hit Tillford over the head with the revolver. After finishing his work he came back and took hold of the woman. He flourished the revolver and said: "It would serve you right if I gave you some of this too."

Then he dragged the woman along toward the house and threatened her if she attempted to tell what had happened. The two went to the Myers residence and sat down and ate dinner with Mr. Myers and family and Mrs. Shorb and family of this city, who were visiting at the place. As Clevenger left the scene of his ghastly deed he called back to the man he had shot, and cried laughingly: "How do you feel now you ---?"

Before eating dinner he discovered he had some blood on his hand. He forced the woman to give him some water and said: "Let me have some water to wash off this --- dog's blood."

Mrs. Watson dared not speak a word while at the house for fear that Clevenger would kill her. The family noticed that she was very pale and that something was wrong and when she got a chance she whispered to Mrs. Shorb a few words telling her what had happened. She did not know whether or not Tillford had been found until the officers arrested Clevenger.

Today the woman asked permission of Marshal Mason to see Tillford and she was taken over to visit the sick man. Marshal Mason saw Tillford and his condition is critical. He is in such a state that it is impossible to tell whether or not he will recover. The physicians will be unable to make a positive statement of his condition for several days. The wound is in a very bad place and it is believed that he will not recover.

SICK MAN ON THE CONCHOA

Dr. Lesser, of the Red Cross, Makes
Complaint About Poor Treatment.

NEW YORK, August 1.—Doctor Lesser of the Red Cross society, who arrived yesterday from Santiago on the transport Conchoa with 178 sick and wounded soldiers, speaking today regarding the conditions on board the transport, said: "Orders were received to supply the Conchoa with 1000 rations for 175 persons who were ordered on board. Major La Garde and Dr. Ireland went through the camp and selected 155 convalescents and convalescent fever patients who were able to walk. In order to secure their return home the men will frequently affect illness to such a degree as it may be often hard to determine whether they are sick or not. Medicines were supplied thereafter in quantity thought to be

sufficient, but on the evening of departure I found the entire shipload, excepting possibly 25 persons, suffering from fever and bowel troubles for which there proved to be an insufficient supply of medicine on board. Rations put on board, therefore, were not to be served to sick men. The supply of water was also impure and unfit for use, having been taken on board at Tampa early in May. The Conchoa has but 68 state room berths. Bunks were provided for the men between decks, but being devoid of mattresses and owing to the intense heat, were practically useless. The men could not live below, many being compelled to sleep on deck under the awnings."

ELECTION IN ALABAMA

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., August 1.—An election is being held today for governor and all other state officers including members of the supreme court, members of the legislature and county officers. The weather is favorable, but the indications for a large vote are slight, owing to general apathy. A complete Democratic victory on the state ticket is feared.

Will Hearings.
The hearing of the will of the late Thomas H. Logan, which was to have come up today, was postponed until August 13. A petition was filed in the county court today asking for the probate of the will of the late J. W. Hammon. August 25 was the time set for the hearing.

Good Fishing.
Circuit Clerk D. L. Foster received a letter today from his deputy, Bob Williams, who is at Fox Lake, Nipissing, Ill. Bob writes that the fishing is fine and that he caught a bass weighing 10 pounds.

SHOWMAN SELLS DIED TO-DAY

COLUMBUS, Ohio, August 1.—H. W. Sells, the older of the famous showmen, is dead. The cause of death was Bright's disease.

Will Go to Dakota.
A party of citizens of Cerro Gordo and La Plume will leave soon for North Dakota. The arrangements for the trip are not definitely settled but a number will go with the intention of remaining there permanently if the conditions are favorable and they are impressed with the land and its value. Others will go simply for an inspection of land and the pleasure of the trip.

Was Fined.
Daniel Heaver was brought before Judge Hammer in the county court today to answer a charge of having in his possession deadly weapons. He was fined \$10 and costs to stand committed until paid. The commitment was suspended for 30 days.

Regular meeting of Olive Branch Camp, Royal Neighbors, No. 218, tonight. Work by the Degree staff.

THE EMPEROR AND BISMARCK

BERLIN, August 1.—Thus far Emperor William has telegraphed twice to Frederichshagen. The first dispatch was sent Sunday morning, addressed to Count Herbert Bismarck, and set forth in most cordial terms the merits of the late prince, and expressing his majesty's undying gratitude to the deceased, stating: "He has been a model of the most faithful in the performance of duty," and assuring the family of his most sincere sympathy. The second telegram begs for the family's consent to bury the prince's remains in the Charlottenburg mausoleum, where the body of Emperor William I. reposes. This, however, was declined, because of Bismarck's expressed wishes to be buried near Schloss. Prince Hohenzollern, the imperial chancellor, took a special train for Frederichshagen, this afternoon, to convey the condolence of the Prussian ministry of state.

BIG MEETING AT DETROIT

DETROIT, MICH., August 1.—The League of American Municipalities met in annual session after the addresses of welcome and responses. The president of the league Mayor John MacFarlane of Des Moines, Iowa, delivered the annual address. At the afternoon session Secretary B. F. Gilkeson of New York, read the annual report. It showed a membership of 71 cities; individual membership about 8000, representing 13,500,000 citizens.

SNOW OUT IN NEBRASKA

LINCOLN, NEB., August 1.—An unprecedented cold snap is giving Nebraska a premature taste of fall. For two days the thermometer has not been over 70 and has been as low as 50 in the eastern portion and colder in the west. At Kimball, near the Wyoming line, it snowed for seven minutes Sunday morning, the first time snow ever fell there in July. No damage to crops is anticipated, save a checking of the growth of corn.

BISMARCK'S FUNERAL

BERLIN, August 1.—Baron Von Buelow tells the Associated Press correspondent that nothing definite regarding Bismarck's funeral will be decided upon until the wishes of the emperor and family of the deceased are ascertained.

Dr. Bumstead for Mayor.
The name of Dr. Charles Bumstead is certainly eligible to the list of the fortunate individuals who have honors thrust upon them. The latest honor which has come unsought to him is the presentation of his name as a candidate for the office of mayor of the city of Philadelphia.

After next November the city will have a new head to its civic government and the Daily Item, one of the leading newspapers of Philadelphia, has inaugurated a voting contest and publishes daily a list of the names given by two residents of the city as their choice for mayor, and the number of votes received by each candidate. The name of Dr. Bumstead has been presented by the members of his college fraternity and appears in the list with 123 votes to his credit. Dr. Bumstead is modest in talking of his prospects and is not inclined to be sanguine in thinking he will carry the magnificent gold headed cane which the publishers of the Item will give to the successful candidate.

OFFICER NOT HERE YET.

To Recruit Men for the Regiment of
Engineers—Was Expected Today.

Lieutenant Posen was expected in the city today to recruit men for the engineering corps of the army, had not arrived at 8:30 o'clock this afternoon. He went west Saturday that he would be in the city early on Monday and it is possible that he will arrive on a late train. Many inquiries have been made by those who want to join the regiment.

Lawn Social.
The members of Mrs. J. E. King's Sunday school of Grace Methodist church will give a lawn social next Thursday evening at the home of D. S. Shellbarger.

Closed by the Sheriff.
Saturday night Deputy Sheriff Cass Nicholson closed the Grass Wall Paper store on Prairie street on a confession of judgment in favor of George E. Wentz. The confession was filed in the circuit clerk's office and amounted to \$3100.

Lawn Social.
The Christian Endeavor society of the Edward street Christian church will give a lawn social at the home of Miss Della Farmer on Tuesday evening. One acre of land will comfortably support four persons on a vegetable diet.

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- All of our Finest French Organdies and Silk Organdies, regular price 39c, all marked to close out at 25c yd.

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PERSONAL.

- Mrs. Will Holman is quite sick.
- B. A. Burrows and daughter of Dalton City were guests of Decatur friends today.
- Miss Anna Bowhart and Miss Margaret Tucker spent Sunday at Alton.
- Sister M. Iam of Alton is the guest of the sisters at St. Thron's academy.
- Messrs. Frank and Will Schwartz were among the visitors at Torre Haute yesterday.
- Mrs. E. S. Short left today for a visit of two weeks with friends in Chicago.
- Mrs. W. B. Cooper and Mrs. Jones of Marion were in the city today.
- J. H. Baird of Prairie Home spent Sunday in the city the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Elias B. McClelland.
- Mrs. V. B. Russell spent Sunday in Springfield the guest of her brother, W. H. Cane.
- Mr. and Mrs. Albert Robertson of East Eldorado street have returned from a trip to Denver and Pike's Peak.
- Miss Stella Hamilton, who has been at Vandalla, Ill., visiting friends, has returned home.
- Mr. K. Hinkel has departed for Grand Haven, Mich., on a vacation. Paul Hinkel will go in September.
- Mrs. Berry, wife of the Wash agent of Hardestown, is ill at the home of her mother, Mrs. Meyers on West North street.
- Mrs. George Morris, who has been visiting at Vandalla, has returned home. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Corrie Houston, of Vandalla, who will visit in the city.
- Rev. Marion Sherranoff left this morning at 10 o'clock for Eureka, Ill., where he will conduct the Illinois studies at the first commencement which will be held there this week. From Eureka he will go to his old home at Lewisburg, Ill., and will conduct a series of meetings at the Christian church at that place.

MILLIONS OF ACRES

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., August 1.—The registers of the United States Land offices throughout the state have just made a special report to the commissioner of the general land office in reference to the lands in their districts. In these reports the lands are classified as follows: Unappropriated and unreserved, reserved and appropriated or entered, and the figures disclose that in round numbers South Dakota has the enormous total of nearly 11,000,000 acres of government land which is now subject to entry by qualified applicants. The good crops in South Dakota this season have already stimulated the demand for farm land, and there is every indication that the demand for vacant government land will in the near future be greater than for many years.

An Inspiration.
"You're a splendid netress," said the innkeeper encouragingly. "But I must confess that in that big emotional scene you don't quite fulfill our expectations. Realism is what we want. Couldn't you manage to shed a few genuine tears?"

"Well," she answered, "I never made a specialty of genuine tears, but I'll try. When I come to that scene to-night, I'll think of that back salary you owe me."—Washington Star.

Enemy in Disguise.
"So you used to know your wife's first husband?"

"Yes, and I thought he was a friend of mine; but I know now that he deceived me."

"How was that?"

"He used to tell me every time he got a chance what a lovely, sweet woman his wife was."—Cleveland Leader.

Safer Than Usual.
Charles—Are you going to the seashore this summer?

Augustus—Oh, no; they say it will be dangerous there this season.

"Nonsense! Not near so dangerous as usual! All of the mothers with marriageable daughters are afraid to go down there this year!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Her Value.
"The one with the diamonds and precious stones looked the other over patronizingly."

"How is it you never wear any ornaments?" she asked at last.

"I do not find it necessary to add to my value in that way," was the reply, and thus the feud began.—Chicago Post.

Substitute.
"You want a trip to the seaside? Nonsense, Jones! Put a little salt in your morning tub, eat fish at every meal, walk up to town and back on a tire yourself out, sleep on the floor, and let the house be dirty, and you'll fancy you're at Margate."—Pitt-Melton.

Not That Kind.
Mrs. Hardcastle—I want you to get me a divorce from my husband, and an allowance of \$3,500 a year.

Lawyer—How much is his income?

Mrs. Hardcastle—It's about that. I wouldn't ask for more than a man makes. I am not that kind.—N. Y. Weekly.

She Had an Idea.
Professor—In China criminals are often sentenced to be kept awake until insanity and death result. Now, how do you suppose they keep them from falling asleep?

Little Girl (eldest of a small family)—I expect they give 'em a baby to take care of.—Tit-Bits.

Our baby has been continually troubled with colic and cholera infantum since his birth, and all that we could do for him did not seem to give more than temporary relief, until we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Since giving that remedy he has not been troubled. We want to give you this testimonial as an evidence of our gratitude, not that you need to advertise your meritorious remedy.—G. M. Law, Keokuk, Iowa. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

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No question indeed with those who have used it, but that Foley's Kidney Cure is absolutely reliable for all Kidney and bladder diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

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Philadelphia is to experiment this summer with vacation schools.

Don't Stop There!
He has a bad attack of colic, and is making for the drug stores of H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, and W. H. Hubbard after a bottle of Foley's Colic Cure. The

During the siege of Paris no fewer than 22,000,000 letters called out of the city in the 64 balloons.

Bob Moore, of LaFayette, Ind., says that for constipation he has found Dr. Williams' Little Early Risers to be perfect. They never gripe. Try them for stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Spain has sent to Cuba 1000 tons of medicines, etc. in three years.

Illinois State Fair

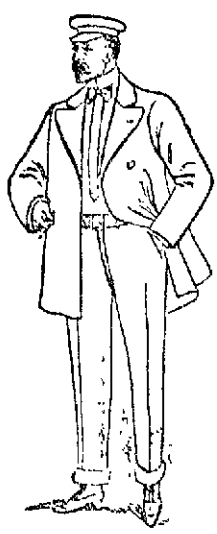
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SALE OF STATE FAIR PRIVILEGES.

The permits and privileges of the State Fair week will be sold at public auction on the fair grounds on Thursday, August 11, at 10 o'clock a. m. Terms of sale will be made known at the time.

W. D. STRYKER,
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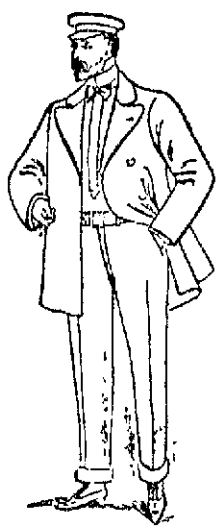
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DID NOT TURN OUT.

Democrats Failed to Attend the Primaries Saturday Night.

Saturday evening was the time set for the alleged Caldwell-Nelson faction in the Democratic party to hold protesting primaries in Decatur township to elect delegates to the senatorial convention to nominate a candidate for state senator. Two primaries had been duly advertised, and places of meeting announced. Some time ago delegates were selected at Democratic primaries, all favorable to the nomination of J. M. Gray. It was the expression of Mason county on choice for senator. But that was when Mason county, it was believed, would be in the new district with Logan and DeWitt counties. The courts decided that Mason should remain with Christian and Monticello counties. Mr. Gray held to the opinion that the delegates selected could act for Mason county properly, without going to the trouble of holding new primaries. But the Caldwell faction came to the front and at a meeting of the Democratic county central committee Doug Caldwell's scheme was put through with the single purpose of getting J. M. Gray out of the way. Judge Nelson consented to stand as a candidate, and the Saturday primaries brought out a total of 38 Democrats, who assembled in eight districts to name delegates. In the other 10 districts no meetings were held, owing to the indifference of the voters, who are evidently satisfied that Gray is not only good enough for them as a candidate for senator, but might also be put on the ticket for congress, as a substitute for Caldwell.

Never before in the history of Democratic politics was there such a situation at primaries. It was a decided chill for the opposition to Gray, and it is generally admitted that Caldwell will do well to stay at home and keep his free silver fingers out of Mason politics.

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The Christian Endeavor society of the First Presbyterian church held a missionary meeting last evening. The subject was "The Chinese in America." The discussion was led by Miss Carrie E. Knapp, Mrs. R. J. Simpson, Miss Stenritt and Mrs. Carrie Roberts. The meeting was led by Miss Hattie Brown.

The services at the Cumberland Presbyterian church were conducted by Rev. A. K. Cobb on Sunday morning.

There were no services held at the churches in the evening on account of the Sunday school convention.

GRACE M. E. CHURCH.

At the morning hour a unique Sunday school service was held, songs from the school were sung, and three addresses were made. One by Rev. J. W. Crane enlivened the Sunday school as the efficient agent in preparing the mind for the reception of the great object of the gospel—conversion. Mr. W. L. Shellabarger pleaded for the presence of parents in the school and made an effective speech, which brought immediate results in the afternoon school. Mrs. J. K. King read an admirable paper, showing the recruits for the church must be from the school. Grace church has 554 enrolled in the Sunday school, and has expended nearly \$300 this year. There is much enthusiasm under the superintendency of W. L. Shellabarger.

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BIG MEETING

Annual Township Sunday
School Convention.

THEMES BY LOCAL WORKERS

Blackboard Queries and Answers—
Church Services—Address by W.
L. Shellabarger—Announcements for the Week.

The annual meeting of the Decatur township Sunday school association was held at the Edward Street Christian church on Sunday. There were three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening.

There are 25 Sunday schools in the township and 23 of this number were represented by one or more delegates. The church was filled at each session and the meeting was the largest and most interesting in every respect that has ever been held by the association. The reports from the schools generally showed a marked increase in interest and attendance and the work was found to be more thoroughly organized and an advancement made in all branches.

The morning session was taken up with the four corner conference in which the work of the primary, intermediate and senior work was discussed and the best methods and principles to be employed in this work was set forth. The leaders in this discussion were Mrs. Sue Oden, Mrs. W. P. Gilmore, P. P. Laughlin and S. M. Lotz.

The afternoon session was the most interesting and instructive of the work of the day. The needs of each school represented was presented by the superintendent or a representative of the school and the needs were written on the blackboard. How to supply these needs was answered by Rev. Marion Stevenson and A. H. Mills with the assistance of suggestions from the audience and the answer to each question of the representative of the Sunday school was written opposite the question on the board.

A report of the Normal work was given by J. P. Wicks. There are now over 100 of the teacher of the county who are taking the Normal work. This consists of an advanced course of bible study for the teachers and Mr. Wicks illustrated his remarks by several interesting drills and features of the work. The report of the state work was given by P. P. Laughlin. The report was given by the leaders of the four corner conferences and the main points of their discussions regarding the work was given. It was decided to assist the primary teachers of the city by sending Miss Whitburn to the Primary Teachers' school at Chicago, which will begin on August 17 and continue for one week. At this school instruction will be given by the best primary teachers of the United States and the work is most instructive and helpful.

At the evening session the "Teachers' Daily Life" was discussed by Professor E. A. Gastman, James Baldwin and Rev. Frost Craft. The Teachers' Trust—Boys and Girls, was discussed by Frank Lytle, P. W. Humphreys and I. B. C. LeBlond, and short talks on "How to Grow a Crop of Teachers," were given by Rev. M. B. Spady, E. P. Irving, Rev. W. H. Penhallegon and Rev. W. F. Gilmore.

The committee on nominations was appointed. It consists of Mrs. Sue Oden, chairman, J. P. Wicks and Will Carter. The association will hold the next meeting in July of the next year.

With the exception of the First Baptist church the regular services were held at all the churches of the city on Sunday morning. The pleasant weather gave opportunity for a large attendance and all of the churches were well filled. No special features marked the day at any of the churches, but the unusually large attendance gave inspiration and the services were of more than ordinary interest.

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BISMARCK IS DEAD

Passed Away Last Saturday
Night—Notable Figure in
the World's History.

FRIEDRICHSHAGEN, August 1.—Prince Bismarck passed peacefully away shortly before 11 o'clock Saturday evening. The end had been expected for several days. The family of the famous statesman has been at his bedside all week, and the physicians, although they held out hope for his recovery had really given him up three days ago. Bismarck was in the 84th year of his age.

Life of Great Statesman.

A review of Prince Bismarck's achievements in European politics and an estimate of his statesmanship will be found in other columns. The bare chronological record of his life follows.

Otto Edward Leopold von Bismarck was born at the manor of Schoenhausen, in the district of Magdeburg, April 1, 1815. At the age of 8 he was placed in a boarding school at Berlin, and at 13 was sent to a high school at the capital. In 1832 he began studying law and political science, at the University of Göttingen. Toward the end of the following year he entered the University of Berlin, and he was admitted to the bar in 1838. In 1838 he was made the official law reporter for a Berlin court, but he soon was transferred to Aix-la-Chapelle as a referendary, and in 1837 was appointed to serve in the crown office at Potsdam.

The next eight or nine years Bismarck passed in farming, hunting and soldiering. He went into society and took an active part in the local affairs of the neighborhoods in which he lived. In 1845 his father died, and the estate at Schoenhausen came into his hands. He withdrew almost entirely from social life, and settled down to the life of a country gentleman. July 28, 1847, he married Johanna, the daughter of Heinrich von Puttkamer of Vilmun, Pomerania, and in the same year he appeared in the united diet at Berlin, as a parliamentary deputy, representing the nobility of the province of Saxony. In 1848 he participated in the gathering of the rural nobility in Berlin, known as the Junker parliament. His career as a parliamentary deputy ended in 1850. In 1851, after serving as secretary, he was appointed the Prussian representative at the German diet at Frankfurt, which was the administrative council of the German confederation, founded by the congress in Vienna in 1815. He was made the Prussian ambassador at St. Petersburg in 1859, where he remained until 1862, when he was transferred to the embassy at Paris. After a few months in the French capital, in September, 1862, Bismarck succeeded Prince Hohenzollern as prime minister. He

lawn park on Tuesday afternoon leaving the church at 1.30 o'clock. The committee in charge of the arrangements are as follows: Committee on arrangements, T. T. Roberts, Miss Richmond, Mrs. R. J. Simpson, committee on entertainment, H. H. Clark, J. S. Baldwin, Charles Pennington; committee on supper, Mrs. A. H. Mills chairman, and teachers of the Sunday school. Plates and cups will be furnished by the committee on arrangements.

The regular prayer meeting services at College street and Westminster chapels will not be held on Tuesday evening, but a union prayer meeting will be held at the First Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening. This will be the last evening Rev. Penhallegon will be present to conduct the services until after his return from his summer vacation.

The Ladies' Aid society of the College street chapel will meet at the chapel at 9 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. The regular prayer meeting and teachers' meeting will be held at the First Baptist church this week.

The members of the King's Daughters circle of the East Park chapel will give a social at the home of Mrs. Edward Allen at 1009 East William street on Friday evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the official board of the First M. E. church will be held at the church this evening.

The First Girls' mission band will meet at the church on Saturday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

There was one addition at the Christian tabernacle Sunday morning. In the evening the Christian Endeavor society completed plans for the patriotic social to be given Thursday evening.

Visited at Taylorville.

A party composed of the families of J. Renshaw, C. M. Reddick, M. M. Harrison and Charles Green spent the day yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. George Keller of Taylorville. The party went over on the morning train and returned in the evening.

formed an alliance with Italy early in 1866, and Prussia, under his guidance, declared war against Austria and her allies in the confederation in June of the same year. Three months later Austria had been crushed and Prussia had become the head of the North German confederation, which was formed out of the old confederation.

Concluded Secret Treaties

Bismarck concluded secret treaties with the South German states forthwith, in the expectation of war.

In internal politics the next 19 years of Bismarck's life were occupied with his struggle to assure to the Prussian government the control of the Catholic church in Prussia, with his campaign for the suppression of socialism in Germany and with the inauguration of a protective system of customs duties. He also secured for Germany several African colonies and gave the first impetus to the upbuilding of her merchant marine. Under his guidance the empire laid the foundations of its present industrial prosperity and maritime greatness. In foreign affairs he formed the triple alliance of Italy, Austria and Germany to hold France in check on the west and Russia on the east. His policy in international politics was directed to the one end of preserving the peace of Germany. Having united and solidified the empire by the war against Denmark in 1864, against Austria in 1866, and against France in 1870-71 he aimed in his later years to develop it internally without disturbance from without.

Dismissed by Emperor.

Bismarck was chancellor to the end of Emperor William I's reign and throughout the 49 days of Emperor Frederick. Two years after the present emperor ascended the throne he was dismissed from office. Since then he has lived in Friedrichshagen, near Hamburg, where he was wont to receive his friends the year around, and thousands of admirers from all parts of Europe, on his birthday. He was long estranged from the young emperor, and the feud between the old castle in Berlin and Friedrichshagen caused a scandal of world-wide dimensions. A formal reconciliation was effected eventually, but the wounds left by the conflict of four years were never healed.

Fran von Bismarck died about two years ago. The iron Chancellor was never the same afterward. He failed slowly, complained of loneliness, and, when his last illness began, was already a weak, sorrowful and broken old man.

Prince Bismarck leaves two sons, Count Herbert and Count William and one daughter Countess Wranau.

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A Week's Camping.

Frank Rebling, L. J. Hampton, A. O. Boler, C. M. Reddick, William Hauschacht and Messrs. Robert and George Sanderson have returned from a week's outing at Coulter's mill. The party had one of the hottest camps of the season and brought home nearly 300 pounds of fish.

Notice.

The regular meeting of Dunham Relief Corp. No. 4, meets at 9.30 p. m., Tuesday, August 3, in G. A. R. hall. Luther J. Douglas, President; Chas. A. Murphy, Secretary.

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PART I.

The dusk of an April night was beginning to deepen into the darkening as three men came into view over the sand hills of the Bay of Drum. It had been a bleak, wet, blustering day—one of those gray days common to the eastern coast of Scotland—but toward evening a dreary cheerfulness had broken through the thin and hurrying rack of cloud.

"A dirty night, Captain Marks; a dull ending to a dull day," observed the Laird of Drum, a handsome, but somewhat discontented looking man.

"Ay, ay," returned the captain, "it has been a dull day, sir; but I canna mind that I've ever been at a funeral on a cheery. It's aye a dirty day for a burying."

"Zounds, I believe you are right," shrugged the Laird; "but Dewar had always bad luck."

"That's true," sighed the third, "but, as Holy Writ hath it: 'Man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward.'"

"Ay, just as every craft is built to founder," interposed the captain; "only some do all the sailing, while the others do the sinking."

"Yes, it would seem so," returned the Laird, repressing a yawn. "I

When the Laird of Drum came to himself, which he did some little while after Jan had succeeded in landing his cargo, the darkness had fallen, and the lugger, to which he had been transported, was standing out to sea, the stars were burning, and a cold wind was blowing the salt spray in his face. For a space he lay, and mused, much as he was wont to do of a morning on coming out of sleep. But gradually the cool night air reviving him, he became conscious of a sickening, sinking motion, and of a dull, stinging pain in his head.

Filled of a sudden with the agitation and foreboding that often alarms the sleeper, the Laird raised himself upon his elbows and stared around.

"My God!" he groaned in alarm, as he viewed his surroundings, "what has come to me?"

Then, in a flash, he remembered; and as he still shivered with apprehension, a hoarse voice, at no great distance, supplied him with an answer.

"I think, mate, dot we drop dot adranter man over de side now."

"If you're sure the tide winna carry him in shore, Jan, I dinna mind," returned the person addressed, "a corp isna the best o' company."

"It brings ill luck," grumbled Jan.

"Well, we'll e'en heave it and fill the lugger over the side together," replied the other.

"By Gott, yes," said Jan, rolling back to the hatchway, evidently intending to go below in search of something heavy, while his companion advanced with a coil of rope to lash the supposed dead man's feet together.

"Ahoy, Jan!" he cried, "deil tak me, if the corp isna leevin'!"

"Ye're leevin', arena ye?" questioned the smuggler.

The Laird nodded weakly.

"It's leevin'," shrugged the fellow.

"Dot's bad," said Jan.

"It might have been worse, Pitullo," remarked the Laird, addressing the man with the rope, whom, with a feeling of uneasiness, he now recognized as a seaman and a native of Drum, a bad character, and one whom, two years before, in his capacity as magistrate, he had sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

"Maybe," answered Pitullo, indifferently.

"I might, without your knowing it, have seen you and passed word to the Preventive men," explained the Laird.

"Dot's true," assented Jan.

"Ay, ay, ye might," nodded Pitullo.

"Well," pursued the Laird, "as I did not get the chance, and there is no one a bit the worse, save myself, I suppose you won't object to put me ashore?" and he drew himself stiffly together, as if he would rise.

But a something—a certain undefined hostility, perhaps, or the lowering silence—

"So I have heard," said Marks.

"Never heed him, Captain," said the Laird, with a scarcely veiled air of self-satisfaction. "Leslie's partial."

"It's the truth, all the same," affirmed the doctor. "Though what you've done," he added sardonically, "to merit the character, beats me; you simply don't know what life is, man. But the long and the short of it is, Laird, there's many a ship held seaworthy that has never known foul weather."

"Oh, come, Leslie," protested the Laird; "I'm not perfect, I know; but if you mean to imply that I should give way to the first temptation, then—"

"Tut, tut, man, it was but a general observation, I had no more," said the Laird, holding out his hand. "I won't detain you longer; it's getting late, and will soon be dark. Good night, and thanks for your conveyance."

"Good night, sir, good night," responded the captain.

"Good night, Laird," said the doctor. "Remember me to your wife and bairns—and take care of your feet on the wharfe at the cove; the tide was a shoght high."

"I'll mind," acknowledged the Laird, as he turned away.

But as he picked his steps carelessly enough among the rocks and sea wrack that made his journey a tedious and precarious one, he was more engaged in thinking, that he had missed the flavor of life, than in watching his footing.

He had, in truth, just surmounted the last ledge of rock shutting in the cove when his feet shot out from under him, and he was launched among a huddle of men engaged in something at the water's side. There was a smothered cry of "the gauger," a scuffle, a heavy thud, and the unfortunate man lay a senseless heap upon the sand.

"By Heaven, he's done for," said one.

"His weel served, then; curse him," muttered another. But as he stooped over the figure of the intruder, and peered into his face, he started.

"Deil tak me, lads!" he exclaimed. "This is no the gauger; it's the Laird o' Drum."

"Drum?" growled a deep bass.

"Faith, I hope it is. I owe him mair than I can pay."

"Ay, ay, Dick, we ken that; but it's a hangev matter," returned the other gravingly. "Is it no, Jan?"

"By Gott, it ees dot," answered Jan.

Then, for a space, the group stood silent, peering at the body and each other by turns, evidently at a loss what to do. At length, the man called Dick broke the spell.

"We canna leave him here," he grumbled. "If we do we need never hope for another run in these parts—the gauger will jump to us at once."

"Ay, ay," chimed in an oldish, hard-featured fellow, a fisherman by his rig; "ay, ay, but what's to hinder ye taking him aboard, lad? Jan, here," he suggested, "could drop him over the side in a fathom or two. Ye might leave his bonnet and staff where they are; they'll show how he cam by his end."

"Man, Davit, you pawkie deevil, ye've hit it. In wi' him, and shove off, lads," said Dick.

THE MAN LET DROP HIS MISSILE.

had been walking the deck with the skipper.

"My God!" gasped the captain, a startled look of horrified recognition shooting out from under his brows as he peered ahead.

"What's the matter?" inquired his companion.

"It's Jack the Batchelor," groaned the captain.

"But who the dickens is—"

But another and more imperative hail from the black craft caused him to pause.

"My God!" murmured the captain, wiping the sweat from his brow. "So near home; it's fiendish—neither to be able to fight or run," and he kicked in his anger and despair a small brass cannon standing by. "She could out-sail us easily, and there's never an ounce of powder aboard for a signal."

"Zounds!" exclaimed the young man, as he saw the stranger's ports go up, "she's showing her teeth; what's the meaning of that?"

The callous abruptness with which the fellow gave forth his speech chilled the listener's blood, so that for a moment or two he was unable to speak.

"Impossible," he gasped.

"It's the truth, though," insisted Pitullo. "It's either a bit shot to your heels, or—the ither thing. Is't no, lads?"

"Ay, ay," chorused the smugglers.

"But my wife, man?" groaned the Laird.

"Mak your mind easy on that score, Laird," answered Pitullo, with a coarse

laugh. "Whether ye droon or turn Free Trader, she'll be a widow a' the same. Isna that so, Jan?"

"Dot's so," returned the Dutchman.

"So ye'd better mak the best o' a bad job," counseled Pitullo. "Are ye for a drink o' the German Ocean or a stoup o' Hollands?"

Face to face with such a terrible and pressing alternative, the Laird of Drum was not the kind of man to hesitate in his choice.

"Well," said he bitterly, "as I am powerless to help myself, I submit. I don't see, though, what good I can be to you."

"Oh, mair than ye think, Laird. For as thing ye'll hae an opportunity gien ye for reflection, and time to resolve on a better way o' leevin'," answered Pitullo—parodying the very speech delivered him by the Laird at his trial—chuckling savagely while, as if he promised himself much gratification in paying off, in a fashion of his own, the grudge he bore the man.

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"Ahoy, there," hailed the unknown.

"What vessel is that?"

"The 'Dispatch,' of Falmouth," roared back the captain, "and curse you for a set of landlubbers. Where are your lights?"

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"Well," said he bitterly, "as I am powerless to help myself, I submit. I don't see, though, what good I can be to you."

"Oh, mair than ye think, Laird. For as thing ye'll hae an opportunity gien ye for reflection, and time to resolve on a better way o' leevin'," answered Pitullo—parodying the very speech delivered him by the Laird at his trial—chuckling savagely while, as if he promised himself much gratification in paying off, in a fashion of his own, the grudge he bore the man.

Whereupon, having unbound the Laird and led him below, he left him there to attend to the wound on his head or drown his cares in drink as he thought fit.

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Remember this store is headquarters for Cuban and American Flags, Military Waist Belts, and Military Bolt Buckles.

Also the largest variety of Patriotic Goods in the city, the cleanest and best finished.

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Our House Has Been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET, - - DECATUR, ILL.

The Standard of Excellence.

In all the range of modern literature there is not a representation of truer womanhood than we have in the Margaret Howe of Ian McLaren's Drumtochty stories. When Jamie Soutar tries to express the virtues of a friend he says: "She was as good—well, she was as good as Margaret Howe." More could not be said.

We are trying by our every day dealing to have the same thing said in effect of our store. When people talk in the highest praise of a shoe house they say it is as good—almost as good as F. H. Cole's. To deserve an excellent name is our constant endeavor. Witness the following prices and note the goods:

Ladies' Tan Vici Kid Lace Shoes, fancy vesting top, hand turned, the very latest style cut, widths A to D, sizes 2½ to 7, made of first class material, excellent workmanship, the best we ever had for the money. We sell them for—per pair—**\$3.50**

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F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,
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Is everything in Wall Paper. We make the decoration of houses our specialty and can assist you. We sell new patterns and fresh papers as cheap as old styles are sold elsewhere. We have the latest designs, the newest styles, and offer you free our experience and skill in making combinations. We have the best workmen and guarantee their work.

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104 Prairie St.

NATATORIUM

The Natatorium at Riverside Park is now open. Will be open every day and evening. Water always fresh, clean and warm. Social Swims every Friday night.

HOURS—Ladies and Children, 9 to 12 a. m.; Men and Boys, 1 to 10 p. m.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION GIVEN.
Mrs. Goddett will have charge of the Ladies and Children's class.

JOS. E. GODDETT, Manager and Instructor.
June 24-25

In a box of clear cedar, And a package so neat, I'll soon be the leader, Because I'm complete.

THE CHANSON.

WEST'S DRUG STORE.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Koek.

Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-23

Do you want plastering done. If so telephone 528, new phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry and Oren.—6-21

Don't miss it. Wabash R. R. excursion to Niagara Falls Thursday, August 4. Particulars at City or Depot ticket offices.—10-14

The Ohtokering and Packard pianos take the lead with the people. See them at the C. B. Prescott music house.

Smoke "Uncle Sam" cigars; five in a box for 10 cents.

L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE.

For Sale—A lady's wheel. Pogram & Co.—27-21w

Wanted—A good girl for general housework. Apply at opera house drug store.—27-21f

Call on Webb C. Foster, 1075 North Water for meat, vegetables and fruit.

"Jack and the Beanstalk." Klaw & Erlanger's extravaganza has been warmly received by the most cultured classes in all of the cities it has visited, and has been endorsed everywhere as a credit to the American stage.

E. C. Blanks, of Louisville, Texas, writes that one box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was worth \$50 to him. It cured his piles of ten years standing. He advises others to try it. It also cures eczema, skin diseases and obstinate sores. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Open during the day and evening—Spencer and Lohman Carriage Repository, at the corner of Main and Wood streets. They have some open and canopy top traps that are beautiful and a full line of fine and medium grade surreys, buggies, road wagons, etc. These are honest goods at honest prices.—23-24w

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BASE BALL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE, JULY 30.

Chicago 18, Washington 3.
Cincinnati 8, Brooklyn 3.
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 3.
Boston 4, St. Louis 5.
New York 7, Louisville 3.
Baltimore 5, Cleveland 1.
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JULY 31.

New York 7, Louisville 3.
Chicago 7, Washington 4.
Cincinnati 9, Brooklyn 5.

Lithfield 18, Hillsboro 0.
Mt. Olive 6, Stanton 3.
At St. Louis: Matton, 10; Sporting News, 2.

CAME OUT SHORT.

Volunteer Firemen Paid All Bills but Lost Money on the Tournament.

The members of the local association of volunteer firemen held a meeting Saturday evening at the city council rooms to settle up the expenses of the firemen's tournament which was held in this city. The bills were figured up and it was found that the receipts were short of the expenditures to an amount within \$200. The members had feared since the tournament was held that they would come out short. All of the bills contracted are paid and some of the money was taken from the treasury of the association. It is not likely that an attempt will be made soon again to hold the tournament in this city. Several years ago when the tournament was held in Decatur it was a great success and in fact it was as this year excepting in the point of finances. The war broke up many of the best teams as the members went to the front and the attendance was not as good as it was hoped it would be.

COMMUNICATION.

More About the West End Woman.

Eda. Republican: As the residents of a certain block on West Wood street have been greatly annoyed on several occa-

UNUSUALLY LOW
Month of July Has Been a
Remarkable One.
SOME INTERESTING FIGURES

Taken From the Report of Prof. Conradt—Comparison with July of the Past Few Years.

The month of July has been remarkable for the absence of rain. According to the reports of Prof. Conradt, the weather observer it has been the driest July since the records of the weather have been kept. The total precipitation for the entire month was but 1.07 inches. The first rain was on the 8th of the month when only .09 inches of rain fell. There was then no more rain until the 17th and 18th and 20th. The best rain of the month was on the 20th, when .79 inches fell.

The corn crop was greatly in need of rain and especially so since most of the corn was planted late. The rain of a few days ago helped it a great deal, but more is needed. During the same month last year three times as much rain fell. There were 23 clear days in the month, 7 partly cloudy days and but one cloudy day. The rainfall in July of the past five years was as follows: 1894, 2.33 inches; 1895, 8.43 inches; 1896, 7.43; 1897, 8.03 inches; 1898, 76.7 inches.

The month was not as hot as July last year. The maximum temperature was 93 degrees; the minimum temperature, 49 degrees; and the mean temperature, 73.7 degrees. The following comparison with the temperature of the same month for the dates five years is of interest:

Year	Max. Temp.	Min. Temp.	Average
1894	96	51	72.2
1895	92	50	71.0
1896	95	50	72.5
1897	101	52	77.2
1898	99	49	75.7

THE VETERINARIANS

Will Hold Their Semi-Annual Meeting in This City on August 11.

The members of the Illinois Veterinary Medical and Surgical association will hold their semi-annual meeting at the office of Dr. S. H. Swain in this city on August 11 and 12. Some of the most prominent veterinary surgeons of the state will read papers and the meeting will be of unusual interest. The program for the two days will be as follows:

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

President's Address—J. Osburn, Nokomis.

Pneumonia—V. G. Hunt, Arcola.

Tuberculosis—A. Hurlbut, Stonington.

Neurotomy—W. A. Swain, Mt. Pleasant.

Enteritis—J. U. Groves, Otero Verde.

THURSDAY EVENING.

How to Cure of Spavin—C. O. Herbin, Raymond.

Cerebro Spinal Meningitis—L. C. Pray, Minook.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Antiseptic Surgery—M. Faw, Benton.

Lymphangitis—G. G. Baumgartner, Champaign.

Stroke—Fred Giesbrenner, Alton.

Cephalgia—S. H. Swain, Decatur.

CITY FINANCES.

Report of Comptroller Robbins to be Presented To-Night.

At the meeting of the city council this evening the report of Comptroller Robbins will show the following expenditures and receipts:

Received from general fund, \$7,652.10; street paving, 16,184.66; sewer, \$648.86; total collections during the month, \$23,485.62. The total expenditures in the different funds amounted to \$18,906.

Picnics.

The members of the Sunday school of the Bethlehem church will give their annual picnic on August 4 at the Smith grove, four miles southwest of the city. Addresses will be delivered and a musical program will be given.

On August 10 the members of the Sunday school of the German M. E. church will give a picnic at the Smith grove.

The farmers in the vicinity of Morgansville will hold their annual picnic in a grove near that place next Saturday.

The annual picnic of the members of the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church will be given next Thursday afternoon at Fairview park. Conveyances will leave the church at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon and supper will be served at 5 o'clock.

At the home of Miss Dolly Farmer, at the corner of North Main and Marietta streets next Tuesday evening a lawn social will be given by the members of the Christian Endeavor of the Edward Street Christian church.

Old Settlers.

At the meeting of the arrangement committee of the Old Settlers' association held last Saturday, W. C. Oatton, W. E. Nelson and J. A. Draper were appointed as a committee on resolutions and J. S. Kizer, Hiram Ward and J. S. Tait were chosen to act on the nomination committee. The other committees appointed and business transacted was given in Saturday's issue of this paper.

Bob Moore, of Lafayette, Ind., says that for constipation he has found DeWitt's Little Early Riders to be perfect. They never gripe. Try them for stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

DEATH RESULT
Mrs. M. L. Davidson Died
From Lockjaw To-Day.

WAS THROWN FROM A CAR

About a Week Ago—Leg was Broken and Lockjaw Set In Which was the Cause of Death.

Mrs. Edna Davidson, wife of London Davidson, who was injured in a street car accident on Saturday evening, July 25, died of lock jaw at her home 701 West Packard street, at 9 o'clock this morning. Her death was the result of the injury. For the past two days it has been expected that Mrs. Davidson would recover. On Friday indications of lock jaw set in and since then Mrs. Davidson has grown rapidly worse. She was able to speak a few words on Saturday, but since then she has been unconscious.

The accident which caused Mr. Davidson's death occurred on the North Edward street line of the electric railway. She was riding on a south bound open car at about 7 o'clock in the evening. The car left the track and turned toward the sidewalk, running up on the boulevard. The shock when the car struck the curb was so severe that most of the passengers were thrown from the car. Mrs. Davidson is a large woman and when she struck the pavement her left leg was broken above the ankle in such a manner that the bone protruded through the flesh. She was taken to her home and given surgical attention at once. The attending physicians did everything in their power to help her and for a few days after the accident it was thought that she would recover. Last Friday, however, lock jaw set in and caused death.

Mr. Davidson, the husband of the deceased, is not in the city and probably does not know even of the injury of his wife. He is a traveling salesman and is out on a business trip. He was heard from on a day or two before the accident occurred but since then not a word has been heard from him. The friends of the family have been making every effort to find him but have received no reply from the messages sent him. All of Mrs. Davidson's children were with her at the time of her death.

Mrs. Davidson's maiden name was Edna Law and she was about 40 years old. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Law, both of whom are now dead, and she was born on the old Law farm in Mt. Zion township. Mrs. Davidson is survived by three children, Fred and Ernest Law Davidson of Decatur and Mrs. William Craycroft of Dalton. Mrs. Davidson had many friends in the city. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and was held in high esteem by the members of that congregation.

As yet no arrangements have been made for the time or place of the funeral.

RACES TO-MORROW NIGHT.

Fast Time and Good Contests by the Wheelmen are Promised.

The members of the Decatur Wheelmen's club will hold their next meeting tomorrow evening at the race track. There is a good deal of rivalry between some of the best riders who are working for the club championship and the races tomorrow evening promises to be the best that have been held this season. The entries will close this evening at 6 o'clock. The prizes for the races to-morrow evening are as follows:

Five Mile Handicap—\$50; grip, \$1; can coffee, 50 cents.

Five Mile Handicap—Lamp, \$3.50; garnet buttons, \$1.25; tie, 50 cents.

Five Mile Handicap—Porch rocker, \$8; racing suit, \$1.50; golf shoes, 75 cents.

The regular monthly meeting of the Wheelmen's club will be held tomorrow night and this evening a called meeting will be held for the admission of members.

BAND AT TERRE HAUTE.

Several Hundred Persons Went From This City on the Excursion.

The excursion to Terre Haute Monday over the Vandalia road was well attended. The attraction was a band festival and the members of Goodman's band went from this city. The train as it left Decatur in the morning was made up of nine coaches and something over 350 tickets were sold from this point. About 50 persons got on the train at Arcola and quite a number were picked up at other stations on the line. Returning there were eleven coach loads on the train. The band tournament was held at the race track at Terre Haute and those who attended had a good time.

The cheap excursion to St. Louis Sunday afternoon from the U. B. church, Rev. M. B. Spayd officiating. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

J. C. CHENEY & CO., Props. Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Will Make an Address.

Dr. A. L. Collins has received a letter from R. H. Vandenhoeck, secretary of the Agricultural Society of Jasper county inviting him to make an address at the county fair on Friday Day, September 3. Dr. Collins has accepted the invitation and will speak on "Woodcraft."

Attention, Old Settlers.

The manufacturers have instructed H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, and W. H. Hubbard to give a bottle of DeWitt's Little Early Riders to the first sufferer of the civil war that applies for the same. It is the great remedy for Chronic Diarrhoea, Cramp Colic and all bowel complaints.

The emperor of China has to fast 14 days in each year for the sake of religion.

ANNIVERSARY EDITORIAL
1867-1898
TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

THE NEWS

News and All Form of the

The publishers of the Daily Republican take pride in presenting this convenient page with the usual complement of local and telegraphic news, together with a very creditable showing of the representative business firms of the city, this being the 31st anniversary and one more of the Republican, the people's favorite home newspaper. Time when the Republican was a modest country paper, but that was when Decatur was a small town. Now the publisher have a complete printing office equipped with all the modern facilities for turning out artistic work, while the newspaper department is strictly up to date, having a new Ballou web-performing press, electrolytic outfit, electric power, and also a Thorne machine for setting type. All this means a big stride for the Republican and for Decatur, and we feel that our patrons and the public generally will rejoice with us in this advancement and addition of improved machinery.

1867-1898

Thirty-one years ago (August 1, 1867) the first copy of the Decatur Republican was issued, and ever since that eventful day in the history of the newspapers of our city the Republican has appeared regularly, not missing any publication day, except on public holidays—July 4th, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas, when those days do not fall on Saturday or Monday. It may be said that the Republican was started when the town began to grow, or some might say that the city began to develop when the Republican became one of the fixed institutions of the city. At any rate the publishers from the beginning of the career of the paper joined with the business men of the community in doing what they could by the conduct of the Republican, aside from their personal efforts, to aid in the advancement of the city, by the encouragement of new enterprises, by the recognition of smart ability, and by picturing to people at distance the advantages Decatur had to offer for the profitable investment of capital. But, as Kipling says, "that is another story," and it is not the purpose of the writer at this time to enlarge upon what the Republican has done for the good of Decatur during the 31 years of its history. All that is familiar to the residents of the community. There are hundreds of residents who have known the "Old Reliable" for a long time, and there are scores of people who have read the Republican regularly from the day the first copy appeared to win the admiration and praise of the people and who in 1867 waited and watched for the appearance of the paper as eagerly as our new friends do now. In all the passing years the Republican has tried to hold its own with the march of improvements, and its publishers have endeavored to fill its columns with a variety of local, state and national news believed to be acceptable. And through three decades the Republican has always been in the thickest of the fight for the maintenance and advancement of Republican principles. It has fought many hot and tough battles and though at times defeated when contending for the election of party nominees, it has never grown weary, but has

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